

Mount Florida Community Council

Minutes of the Meeting of 28 January 2025
Clincarthill Church Hall, 7p.m.

Present: Community Councillors Monique Adami, Gordon Brady (Secretary), Chris Carus, Janet MacDonald (Minutes), Judith Pollock (Chair), Robert Pollock, Robbie Warringham (Treasurer)

Also attending: PC Brian Robertson, Cathie Laycock, Rachel Gillespie, Nicola Smith

1. Welcome

Judith Pollock chaired the meeting and welcomed those attending.

2. Attendance and Apologies:

Attendance as above. Apologies were received from Cllr Stephen Docherty and Paddy Smith.

3. Minutes of last meeting:

The minutes of the November meeting were approved (proposed Robert Pollock, seconded Gordon Brady) with the following amendment: delete “and other operators” from Item ((i).

4. Matters Arising:

Several issues brought up by residents were to be followed up by PC Burmi, who did not attend tonight’s meeting. PC Robertson will follow up and advise.

5. Summary of Correspondence (G Brady):

- (i) Several emails had been received regarding parking during events at Hampden.
 - (ii) Cllr Bruce had forwarded an email about the availability of community grants for small groups to fund projects on open spaces. The closing date for applications is early February.
 - (iii) There was a complaint from a local resident about lack of cleaning up after the recent Rangers-Celtic game.
 - (iv) A communication had been received to the effect that our website is not auto-renewing.
- Action** ➤ Gordon to pass on to Paddy.

6. Treasurer’s Report (R. Warringham):

Our general allowance from GCC for running costs has now been received. There has been no expenditure since the last meeting. Monique and partner have been doing some volunteer gardening work at the primary school, and asked if some money could be made available for more plants. We also discussed reviewing and updating our website.

7. Ward Councillors’ Report:

No ward councillors attended.

8. Community Police Report (PC Robertson):

We asked for an update on the outside licence for the Tartan Coo, as they seem to be operating outside; it was suggested that they may have been granted a temporary licence. It had been reported to us that more people were being seated than requested in the initial application. We also asked about the one-way system at Clincart Road/Bolton Drive which is not being adhered to. The old street markings have not been removed, which causes confusion.

9. Hampden:

- (i) A few complaints had been received about street cleaners not attending to Mount Annan Drive after the Cup Final.
- (ii) Hampden have been reaching out to the local community and are putting together a list of offers to the community. This will include 50% off the entrance charge to the museum, and tours (enter MOFLOCOCO50 on the online booking form). They are also looking to offer a discount at the café. Meeting rooms can be made available free to local organisations. We will continue to hold Community Council meetings at the church hall.
- (iii) A drop-in session on the local place plan will be held at Hampden (see below).

10. Event Day Parking

Lots of questions had been received from local residents. The RingGo app is difficult to apply for online. It was suggested that residents apply for Event Day Resident Permits.

11. Local Place Plan:

(i) The most recent stakeholder meeting took place last week. A community drop-in session with the consultants will take place at Hampden Hall of Fame on 11th February between 4p.m. and 7p.m. The museum will also do stadium tours.

Action > Judith and Nicola will publicise on social media.

(ii) A women-only walkabout organised by Cllr Holly Bruce will take place on 14th February from 6:00 -7:30 p.m. to identify areas where women do not feel safe walking, and to seek measures to address this. Outputs will be fed into the local place plan and will go to GCC.

12. AOCB:

(i) Bowling Club: The planning meeting will not take place till March. We debated whether to have another public meeting to determine the level of community feeling about the issue, or whether to commission an independent person to undertake an opinion poll on our behalf. We have decided that, as Kevin Murray Associates has undertaken lots of consultation for the LPP Stage 2 report, another survey was unnecessary. The findings of the report showed the bowling club site was a key issue with residents, the majority of whom want it to be retained as a community green space.

(ii) Cathkin Park: A judicial review was held, and it was found that GCC were not acting in the best interest of the majority of local residents. GCC had accepted a second planning application while the review was underway.

(iii) Parking on pavements: new regulations come into force today.

(iv) An e-newsletter will go out soon.

(v) The next meeting of the Area Partnership will discuss budget priorities – these were last updated in 2015. Attendees of our meeting agreed that we were happy with the current themes remaining the same.

13. Close. Next meeting Tuesday 25 February 2025 at 7pm, Clincarthill Church Hall